

SENATE BILL 1399  
By Herron

AN ACT to name the State Route 218 Bypass in Henry County in honor of Representative L. Don Ridgeway.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of General Assemblies have seen fit to name certain highways and bridges to honor public servants who have contributed to the growth and prosperity of their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, our colleague, former Representative L. Don Ridgeway of Paris and Henry County recently retired from this General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Don Ridgeway is a gentleman who has served in the diverse worlds of business, politics, and government; and

WHEREAS, Don Ridgeway served the good people of Paris and Henry County for eighteen years as a member of the Tennessee House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, Don Ridgeway served as Democratic Caucus Chairman, Chairman of the House Conservation and Environment Committee, and Chairman of the House Transportation Committee at various times during his tenure on Capitol Hill; and

WHEREAS, Don Ridgeway worked to establish a brighter future for the good people of Paris and Henry County as their Representative to the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, the City of Paris legislative body and the Henry County Commission, by unanimous votes, have petitioned this body to name the State Route 218 Bypass at Paris, which is presently unnamed, to honor Representative Ridgeway on the occasion of his retirement from the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly most heartily concurs with this proposal to honor our former colleague; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the State Route 218 By-Pass at Paris in Henry County is hereby designated the "L. Don Ridgeway Bypass" as a lasting tribute to our former colleague.

SECTION 2. The department of transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating the State Route 218 Bypass in Henry County as the "L. Don Ridgeway Bypass".

SECTION 3. The erection of such directional signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

SECTION 4. This act shall become operative only if the federal highway administrator advises the commissioner of transportation in writing that the provisions of this act shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.